INTERVIEW SUMMARY Work Assignment ES002 Lower Darby Creek Area Site



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Name:

Robert O'Donnell (WITNESS)

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Sharon Hill, PA 19079

Affiliation:

Owner/Operator Bob O'Donnell Steel Drum Company

Telephone:

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Type of Interview:
Date of Interview:

In-Person July 11, 2003

On July 11, 2003, Michael McCloskey of Tri-State Enterprise interviewed the WITNESS at his place of business at 8400 Hook Road Sharon Hill, PA. The WITNESS was interviewed as part of the potentially responsible party search currently being conducted under Work Assignment NO. ES-002 involving the Lower Darby Creek Area Delaware County, PA (the "Site"). This interview focused on the Clearview Landfill (Clearview). The WITNESS was provided with a copy of the letter of introduction, advised of the nature of the questions to be asked, and advised that the interview was voluntary. The WITNESS advised that he is not represented by an attorney in this matter, and did not want an attorney. No other persons were present, and this interview was not tape-recorded.

During the course of this interview, the WITNESS responded to questions based on guidelines provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for owner/operators. The WITNESS was shown an aerial photograph of the Site, and this aerial photograph was referenced throughout the interview.

The WITNESS was asked to explain his association with the Clearview Landfill.

The WITNESS stated that he moved to his current location in 1984, and that the Clearview Landfill was closed when he started operating out of his present location. The WITNESS explained that he leases approximately ten (10) acres of land from Richie Heller. He stated that he uses this property to store drums that he sells to drum refurbishing companies. The WITNESS stated that this storage area is on the Heller property that was once part of the Clearview Landfill.

The WITNESS stated that when he arrived in 1984 the property also contained a waste transfer station and Richie Heller's trash companies. The WITNESS stated that the entrance to this property is off of Hook Road approximately two hundred (200) feet from Lindbergh Avenue. The WITNESS explained that the office for City Wide Trash Company is located at the base of the hill approximately one half mile from the entrance off of Hook Road. The WITNESS stated that his business, Bob O'Donnell's Steel Drum Company, is located two hundred (200) feet up a hill from the City Wide Trash Company office.

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The WITNESS stated that the transfer station was in operation when he arrived in 1984. The WITNESS stated that this transfer station was under contract to haul waste from the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

The WITNESS was asked the name of the owner or operator of this transfer station. The WITNESS stated that he did not know.

When asked if a DeLarenzo owned or operated this transfer station, the WITNESS stated that he did not know.

The WITNESS was asked the names of the companies that transported waste to this transfer station. The WITNESS stated that he did not know. When asked if these companies were private waste haulers, the WITNESS stated yes. When asked if Richie Hellers Trash Company transported waste to this transfer station, the WITNESS stated that he did not know.

When asked if waste from this transfer station was disposed of on the Clearview Landfill, the WITNESS stated no. The WITNESS stated that he believed the waste was brought into the transfer station and placed into tractor-trailers. When these tractor-trailers were full they were transported off the Site. He did not know where this waste was disposed.

When asked the names of any individuals that worked at the transfer station, the WITNESS stated that he did not know any names. The WITNESS stated that everybody kept to himself or herself.

When asked to explain his operation at the Site, the WITNESS stated that he uses the property to store drums until they are sold to a drum refurbisher. The WITNESS stated that he picks up empty used drums, and acts as a broker to sell them to drum refurbishers.

When asked if he cleans out the drums located at the property on the Site, the WITNESS stated no. The WITNESS stated that he has no electricity or running water on the Site.

When asked the names of the companies that he brokers for and the names of the drum refurbishing companies that he sells drums to, the WITNESS stated that they are all in New Jersey and would name them.

When asked if he has ever disposed of waste on the Site, the WITNESS stated no.

The WITNESS stated that the O'Donnell family has been in the drum business for 100 years, and that he is going to retire this year and end the family business. He indicated that there is no longer a profit in the drum business.

When asked if he had ever observed anyone disposing of waste at the Site, the WITNESS stated no. When asked if he was familiar with Graves Resources, the WITNESS stated no.

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The WITNESS was asked if his property was secure. The WITNESS stated that he has a locked gate across the entrance of the property to prevent any trucks from entering when he is not present.

The WITNESS pointed out approximately ten (10) steel 55-gallon drums that were placed outside this gate, and stated that someone had dropped them off without his knowledge.

When asked the names of any individuals that might have knowledge of waste disposal practices at the Site, the WITNESS stated that he could not think of anyone.

"I declare under penalty of	perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."	
Executed on	Signed	
(Date	(Name)	